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BRIEF BUT STRENUOUS.

President Roosevelt's Few Hours in This City Filled with Activity and Fraught with Pleasure.

A CORDIAL WELCOME FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

It Began at the State Line, Was Continued in the Pawtuxet Valley, Extended to This City and Ended at Newport.

RECEPTIONS, DRIVES AND HEARTY GREETINGS EVERYWHERE.

Crowds thronged the streets and packed Exchange Place, eager to see the head of the nation. His appearance cheered enthusiastically all along the line. Flags floated in the breeze in all sections of the city. The people pleased with the President's personality. — After the celebration was all over here he sailed down the bay, was entertained at the home of Senator Aldrich at Warwick Neck and then went on to Newport, where he is the guest of Winthrop Astor Chanler, at the christening of whose child he will be present to-day, and then leave for Boston.

In the hours and 20 minutes he spent in Providence yesterday as guest of the State and city, President Roosevelt had an experience that must have made even an eminent advocate of strenuous appreciate the quiet and rest of the palatial steam yacht on which he left the city for Warwick Neck as the guest of United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich. From the moment he stepped from the sleeping platform of his special train of sleeping cars until the detail from Battery A, Light Artillery, fired the President's salute of 21 guns as the launch of the *Watusi* carried the President and his party to the yacht, lying off Fox Point, he was actively receiving, driving through lanes of cheering citizens, speaking and then driving again. He was hurried from the train to a carriage and driven to the northeast corner, where he was welcomed by the local City Government and found time to take an interest in the man that opened the door of his carriage. After the reception he was driven over a long route through the city, finally reaching the City Hall, where he gave an address, and then he was driven to the place where he embarked for the yacht.

Through it all he left a memory of a President who is really genuine and a broad democrat, breaking rules made by others for his protection, he stopped his carriage to shake hands with a workman, as when in front of the Journal and Bulletin office on Westminster street, he rose to reach the outstretched hand of a man wearing a bouquet, or to accept a proffered bouquet; as when on the road he stopped, as he was passing, to shake hands with two children, a boy and a girl, aged about 12 years, boldly making their way through the line of cavalry, half-timbered, offered the bouquet they had prepared. His youth and his beaming, smiling courtesy were the qualities most remarked by the great crowds that blocked the sidewalks of the down town streets hours after the President had left the city.

Nothing could have been more complete than the arrangements comprising the scheduled programme of the President's stay in this city, and no arrangements could have been better carried out. The start of the drive was made on the scheduled minute. The finish was made one minute ahead of the time agreed on. Every part of the day's movements was carried out at the time planned by the State officials, including Mayor Freeman. The police arrangements detailed looked exceeding well in their new military uniforms and white gloves. Chief Matthews had made excellent plans to handle the crowds. The President, in high admiration of the police and the police arrangements, was seen by all, especially the day favored the user. At the latter part of the drive about the city, dark clouds came up and a few drops of rain fell. But they were only a very few and although some of the members of the party on the drive had the tops of their open carriages closed, the carriage of the President, with its four horses, remained open, and he continued to ride, as was his custom, but whenever the clouds cleared as they did almost everywhere along the line.

The President arrived in the city at 12:30, only three minutes behind his schedule. The anchor of the *Watusi* was raised at 4:00. At the Aldrich residence, where he went with some of the members of his party, the State delegation, Gov. Kimball and Lt. Gov. Shepley, a piano, a clip from the Washington sign at Cranston and remained until 7:30 o'clock, when he left on the yacht for Newport. There the President will stand as godfather to the child of W. Astor Chanler. He is expected to leave the city on a special train to join his train at Boston at 12:30 o'clock to-day.

EARLY MORNING SCENES. Early in the morning the down town streets began to assume a holiday at-

pearance. The flags at almost every building on Westminster street below Cathedral square and on many of the buildings on Weybosset street showed fresh and clear in the bright sun and the crisp coolness of the autumn-tinted air made walking comfortable and relieved much of the heat that would have been intense, crowding on a hot day. The decorators were putting the finishing touches on some of the larger buildings and everywhere the Red, White and Blue was in sight.

The big grandstand at the City Hall was an attraction that drew the attention of a considerable crowd as early as 7 o'clock. The decorators were add-

to bring in large numbers of passengers, early in the morning. The stop of the presidential party at Pastime Park in the Pawtuxet Valley held the Valley thousands who would otherwise have taken early cars into the city, although a good part of the Valley population seemed to be out of doors all. Crowds gathered at the Union Station, at the City Hall and at the State House, points where a good view of the President might be expected, and waited patiently to see the Chief Magistrate.

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utes later changed to Oneco, the next station, on the Connecticut side. The train people had received no orders to stop at Oneco, so the station agent said, and the train was scheduled to pass that station at about 40 miles an hour. Mr. Cannon jokingly inquired if the walking was good back to Greene and whether they could make it in time to catch the train, but the pedestrian exercise was not required, as a man was sent up the track to flag the special as a precautionary measure in case the engineer evinced symptoms of an intention to pass Oneco at full speed. The train stopped only a few moments and was

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THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN. It was not an ordinary train that came over the rails from Pawtuxet yesterday morning. A train of drawing room cars in itself is not an ordinary sight along that road, and to the throngs that gathered in the villages and along the tracks there were symbols that marked the train as the conveyance of someone of unusual distinction. An enormous floral horseshoe, presented to the President by the town of Pawtuxet, was in front of the engine and the knowledge that it was the President's train, combined with a head-on view of the big



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKING.

Characteristic positions and gestures caught by camera during the speech at the City Hall.

ing a touch of color here and there and had made an exceedingly creditable showing. The body of the stand was covered with white, with a broad band of blue above and below the level of the stand. Festooned national flags were placed at intervals on the front and the entire appearance of one of the largest grandstands ever built in the city was very evidently satisfactory to the self-constituted critics.

The chairs and settees for the body of the grandstand came from some of the best furniture houses and were delivered during the early morning and placed in position. Then faced the centre of the stand and the elevated platform, where the President took his place in making his address.

While on a lower level, they had little advantage over the three rows of board seats built at the sides of the stand in the form of bleachers. The stands in front of the grandstand were built, placing joists and the supports for the outer line to be established by the police. This barricade extended over the car tracks in front of the Hall, the ends cutting off diagonally the foot of Washington street, on one side of the City Hall, and that of Fulton street on the other. It early stopped the running of cars on the Exchange place, but this had been provided for by the Rhode Island Company, and conductors and mormons received their instructions as to where and when to run.

Some of the buildings down town were well covered with flags, and the display on some was lavish. The Board of Trade building, the foot of Washington street, in Market square, once the old public market, and also the City Hall, was handsomely decorated with bunting. The display at the Boston Store, The O'Gorman Company, The Shepard Company and the Manufacturers' Outlet Company was also one to attract attention. The Swarts building on Weybosset street was also finely decorated, and many others were well covered with the national colors. There seemed to be a fairly general desire to at least display flags, and Westminster street looked much as it appeared on the First of Rhode Island, United States volunteers, who marched up it on the return of the regiments from its services in the war with Spain.

The decorations at Brown University were notable and appropriate. From the tall flagstaff on the roof of University Hall, the oldest building on the campus, floated a handsome American flag, another large flag covered the front centre of the building, and many little flags floated at the windows. The Van Wickle gates, at the head of College street, were surmounted by two American flags, on staffs, and at the top centre of the middle gate hung a brown-hued banner, with the word "Brown" in white. There were other decorations in the national colors on the gates, and many flags were displayed from the administration building, just across the street.

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